said proximity service communication is a peer-to-peer communication.

36. An apparatus comprising

a connection controller configured to receive a signaling comprising a proximity service request for setting up a proximity service communication between an initiating communication subscriber and a receiving communication subscriber, said proximity service request comprises at least an identity of said initiating communication subscriber and an identity of said receiving communication subscriber; and

a control module configured to verify authorization of said proximity service communication based on said identities; wherein

said connection controller is further configured to forward, upon affirmative result of verification, said signaling comprising said proximity service request.

37. The apparatus according to claim **36**, wherein

said control module is further configured to check for responsibility based on said identity of said receiving communication subscriber; and

said connection controller is further configured to

transmit, upon negative result of check, a signaling comprising a location request for looking up responsibility for said receiving communication subscriber;

to receive, upon negative result of check, a signaling comprising a location response indicative of responsibility for said receiving communication subscriber; and to

transmit, based on said location response, said signaling comprising said proximity service request.

38. The apparatus according to claim **36**, wherein

said connection controller is further configured to

receive a signaling comprising a proximity service acknowledgement indicative of acceptance of said proximity service communication; and to

forward said signaling comprising said proximity service acknowledgement.

39. The apparatus according to claim **36**, wherein

said connection controller is further configured to

receive a signaling comprising a proximity service release request for releasing said proximity service communication; and to

forward said signaling comprising said proximity service release request.

40. The apparatus according to claim **39**, wherein

said control module is further configured to check for responsibility based on said identity of said receiving communication subscriber; and

said connection controller is further configured to

transmit, upon negative result of check, a signaling comprising a location request for looking up responsibility for said receiving communication subscriber;

to receive, upon negative result of check, a signaling comprising a location response indicative of responsibility for said receiving communication subscriber; and to

transmit, based on said location response, said signaling comprising said proximity service release request.

41. The apparatus according to claim **36**, wherein

said connection controller is further configured to

receive a signaling comprising a proximity service release acknowledgement indicative of acceptance of release of said proximity service communication; and to

forward said signaling comprising said proximity service release acknowledgement.

42. The apparatus according to claim **36**, wherein

the apparatus is operable as or at a network node of a cellular system, and/or

the apparatus is operable in at least one of a LTE and a LTE-A cellular system, and/or

said proximity service communication is a peer-to-peer communication; and/or

said identity of said initiating communication subscriber is one of a network access identifier NAI, a mobile station international subscriber directory number MSISDN, a medium access control address, or a nick name; and/or

said identity of said receiving communication subscriber is one of a network access identifier NAI, a mobile station international subscriber directory number MSISDN, a medium access control address, or a nick name.

43. A computer program product comprising computer-executable computer program code embodied on a non-transitory computer-readable medium which, when the program is run on a computer, is configured to cause the computer to carry out the method according to claim **1**.

44. (canceled)

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